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I-80 in Henry and Bureau counties closes overnight Nov. 29 to Dec. 2

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced that both directions of Interstate 80 in Henry and Bureau counties will close overnight, weather permitting, from Tuesday, Nov. 29, through Friday, Dec. 2, to accommodate the demolition of the 645 E Road bridge near Sheffield. I-80 will be closed between the Illinois 78 interchange (exit 33) and the Illinois 40 interchange (exit 45).

The 645 E Road bridge will be replaced once demolition is complete. I-80 will close each night at 8 p.m. and will reopen by 6 a.m. the following morning. A posted detour for I-80 will direct motorists to use Illinois 78, U.S. 6 and Illinois 40.

A second bridge at 470 E Road east of the Henry/Bureau County line will be demolished and replaced once the 645 E Road bridge is complete. Both bridge projects are expected to be completed by summer 2024.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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